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SUBJECT: CZECH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON PROPOSED CHR TEXT ON
THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY

REF: SECSTATE 39640

¶1. (SBU) Poloff spoke with Mr. Jan Kaminek of the Department of Human Rights at the Czech MFA on March 10 regarding the referenced demarche asking for feedback about a planned resolution on the state of democracy and democratic elections in the world. Mr. Kaminek told Poloff candidly that while of course there would be no discussion of whether or not to support such a resolution, unfortunately the Czechs are not currently in a position to sponsor such a resolution.

Mr. Kaminek explained that the Czech Human Rights Department and their mission in Geneva is simply too small and overworked at this point. However, he stated firmly that if such a resolution is tabled, the Czechs would certainly support it.

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